



Protect Your Trash Collector, Dispose of Needles Properly!



Did you know?

How you discard a needle impacts trash collectors and their families.

Each accidental needlestick requires HIV and hepatitis testing, plus the stress of waiting for test results.

Safe Needle Disposal Is Easy

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Always place needles in a puncture-resistant container with a tight lid before disposal.

Never throw loose needles in the garbage

- Protruding or falling needles endanger trash collectors.

Use hard wall containers with lids

- The thicker the wall, the safer the container.
- Avoid thin plastics, like soda bottles, they are easily pierced.

Do not use glass containers

- Glass will can break and cause a greater hazard.

Dispose of the needles in the bottle with trash going to the landfill

- All bottles which contain a hazard should never go to a recycler.

Incorrect



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